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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**-- EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 2654**

**EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED ON A SPLITTING FUNCTION**  
**DERIVED FROM SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-DECOMPOSITIONS**

Application No. 10/042,827  
Examiner M. Pierre  
Art Unit 2654

Amendment Transmittal  
Amendment

YOR920010539US1  
(590.076)

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(590.076)**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Chaudhari et al  
Serial No. : 10/042,827 Examiner : M. Pierre  
Filed : January 4, 2002 Group Art Unit : 2654  
For : EFFICIENT RECURSIVE CLUSTERING BASED ON A SPLITTING  
FUNCTION DERIVED FROM SUCCESSIVE EIGEN-  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

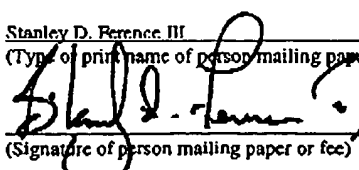
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- OR
2. ☒ In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
3. ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
4. ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

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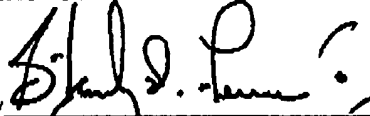
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8. ☐ Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
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10. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

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By 

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Dated: January 3, 2007

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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January 3, 2007  
Date of Signature

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006, kindly enter the following amendments. The amendments find full support in the claims and/or specification as originally filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 8 of this paper.